TRAFFIC COUNT SHOWS $280 LOSS

Second Report For 7-Day Period On Northern Massachusetts Lines Filed At Gardner

GARDNER, Dec. 7—The second report of a traffic count on certain operating portions of the Northern Massachusetts Street Railways, filed with Mayor Pearson by D. P. Abercrombie, receiver, shows a loss in revenue of approximately $280 for a seven-day period Nov. 20 to 27, as compared with a similar count for the previous seven days, Nov. 13 to 20, included in the first count. The stretch of track between West Gardner and Greenwood Associates on East Broadway shows an increase of $19 27 over the previous seven days, but substantial decreases are reported on other sections.

The earnings from West Gardner to Westminster were $500 32, which includes $428 90 collected between West Gardner and Greenwood Associates. Although there was a slight gain from West Gardner to Greenwood, the Westminster line shows a falling off of $95.64 from the previous seven days. From West Gardner to Baldwinville the earnings were $411.29, a decrease of $103 56 from the first seven days. From Riley's switch in Templeton to West Gardner the revenue was $363 28 or $91.17 less than for the same period in the first report.

Oscar Anderson was in Worcester yesterday in connection with the death of his father, Axel, 51 years old, who who struck by a train in Worcester Nov. 18 and buried in that city as an unidentified person. Identification was finally established when the Worcester police found among the dead man's effects a slip of paper with his name and address, and the local police were notified. Through Mrs. Minnie Anderson, divorced wife of the dead man, identity was finally established. It was learned that Anderson had left Gardner Nov. 17 to visit relatives in Connecticut. It was learned that he left Putnam, Ct., Sunday to go to Worcester on his return to Gardner. While walking the track in Worcester he was struck and killed by a locomotive. No report had been made to the local police that Anderson was missing. Mr. Anderson was a native of Sweden and lived in Gardner several years. At one time he was a member of the Salvation Army. He leaves two sons, Oscar and Ernest of Gardner, and a brother in Connecticut.

Entries judging was started this forenoon on birds entered for the annual exhibition of Gardner Poultry association, which opens in city hall at 6 o'clock tonight. The judging was in charge of Charles MacNear, Ashland, well known poultry expert, who has been judge of local shows for several years. He is assisted this year by Daniel P. Shove of Fall River. Approximately 400 entries have been received. The industrial exhibit of the Gardner State Colony, which has been arranged on the stage, includes many products made at the colony. The show will be open Saturday from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m.

Detachable Capes

Detachable capes of plain color are worn with the smart plaid and striped wool sport frocks.

WINCHENDON

The December meeting of the Ladies Benevolent society of the North Congregational church was held Thursday afternoon in the church parlors. At 6.30 o'clock a supper was served in the vestry to about 200 people. The hostesses were Mrs. Carl J. Nordlin, chairman; Mrs. Frederick L. Norcross, Mrs. John E. Anderson, Miss Helen Ballard, Miss Emily R. Pitkin, Miss Mary L. Roberts, Mrs. William S. Lawrence, Mrs. William A. McMillan, Mrs. John F. Anderson and Mrs. Kenneth L. Norcross. In the evening a musical program was given by the young people of the church.

A number of local Republican women attended a conference of Republican women voters of the third Worcester, eighth Middlesex, and a part of the Worcester-Hampden senatorial districts at Fitchburg Thursday.

The season for hunting deer, which opened Monday morning, is so far the most unsuccessful for local hunters of any since the open seasons were established. Only two kills by Winchendon men were known to have been reported up to Thursday evening. One of these was made in Royalston. A kill is said to have been made in town by hunters from outside.

Charles H. Osgood, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, received word Thursday from D. P. Abercrombie, receiver of the Northern Massachusetts Street Railway Co., that as now arranged service on the Winchendon branch will cease Dec. 15 next, when the last car for Baldwinville leaves depot square at 9.20 p. m. Figures given out indicate the branch is not a paying proposition, as over an eight day period recently $149 03 was taken in fares, while the operating expenses were $146. There are many rumors going the rounds, and some action may be taken by local business men to keep the cars running, if possible.

The Alumni association of Murdock High school has voted to hold its annual concert and ball Dec. 21 in the town hall.

The First Baptist church has received from the estate of the late Miss Emma E. Smith of Winchendon Springs, a fine stereopticon and picture projecting equipment for work in the church, as a memorial to Miss Smith.

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